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**NO. 1999P07442US03**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Shaffer, et al. )  
 Serial No.: 09/378,196 )  
 Filed: August 19, 1999 )  
 Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ) Date of Deposit:  
       DYNAMIC CODEC )  
       ALTERATION )  
 Group Art Unit: 2661 )  
 Examiner: Brian D. Nguyen )

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:

- I.  **Prior to abandonment of the application**
- ii.  **Payment of the issue fee**
  - Prior to payment of issue fee.
  - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 has been granted
- iii.  **Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences**
  - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals &

Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed

iv.  Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §114, OR  
 Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §146  
 Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action  
 Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month.  
 Please enter the unentered Amendment mailed on December 18, 2003.  
 Please enter the enclosed PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.  
 An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with PTO-1449 and Five (5) references.  
 New arguments  
 New evidence in support of patentability  
 Other:

Fee for REQUEST (37 C.F.R. §1.17(e))

4.  Filing fee has been calculated as shown below after entering the previous amendment and the preliminary amendment (other than small entity):

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	x Rate	Additional Fees
Total Claims	13	-20	=0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claim	3	-3	=0	x \$ 86	\$ 0.00
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				Basic filing Fee	\$770.00
				Total	\$770.00

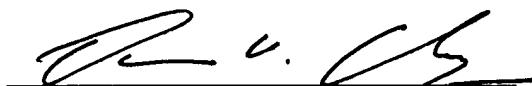
5.  Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 in the amount of \$ 770.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.25. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

6.  This application, as amended, names as inventors:  
 the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.  
 fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.  
 a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.48 is/has separately:  being filed  been filed

7.  A request for deferral of examination accompanies this Request for Continued Examination.

Date: 22 Jan 04

Respectfully submitted,



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